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TITLE OF INVENTION: REAR PLATE FOR PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL

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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 523 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 523 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/537,762

Applicant(s)

CHO, WON-DUK

Examiner

Kevin Quarterman

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11 April 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kay Chang on 14 July 2008.
3. The application has been amended as follows: **In the claims** (only one claim):
 - i. In line 2 of the last paragraph of the claim: **delete** "of YOx, GdOx, Box, and EuOx" and **insert** --kinds of oxides selected from the group consisting of oxides Y, Gd, B, and Eu-- in its place.
 - ii. In line 4 of the last paragraph of the claim, **delete** "of ZnOx, SiOx, MnOx, YOx, Box, TbOx, BaOx, and AlOx" and **insert** --one kind of oxide selected from the group consisting of Zn, Si, Mn, Y, B, Tb, Ba, and Al-- in its place.
 - iii. In line 6 of the last paragraph of the claim, **delete** "of BaOx, MgOx, AlOx, SrOx, MnOx, and EuOx" and **insert** --kinds of oxides selected from the group consisting of oxides Ba, Mg, Al, Sr, Mn, and Eu-- in its place.

Response to Amendment

4. Applicant's amendment and remarks received 11 April 2008 have been entered and overcome the objections to the specification and claim 1 and also overcome the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, that were recited in the previous office action mailed 11 January 2008.
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Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 1 is allowed.
7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Examiner indicated that independent claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Now that applicant has overcome this rejection, the instant application is now in condition for allowance. The reasons are repeated in this office action.
8. The prior art of record neither shows or suggests a rear plate of a plasma display panel comprising a glass substrate; electrodes formed in a shape of patterns on an upper surface of the glass substrate; a dielectric layer formed on upper surfaces of the electrode and the upper surface of the glass substrate; barrier ribs formed in a shape of a pattern through etching on an upper surface of the dielectric layer; and phosphorous layers formed on side surfaces and bottom surfaces of the barrier ribs and including red, green, and blue phosphorous layers, which emit red, green, and blue light according to an electric signal, respectively, wherein: the electrodes are made from mixture of a conductive metal powder of 51 to 99.5 wt% and a first glass powder of 0.5 to 49 wt%,

the conductive metal powder being at least one kind of metal powder selected from metal powder of Au, Ag, Pt, Pd, Ni, and Cu, the conductive metal powder having an average particle diameter of 0.1 to 7 μ m, the first glass powder having an average particle diameter of 0.5 to 10 μ m and a specific resistance of 1.0×10^{-6} to $5.0 \times 10^{-6} \Omega$ -cm; the dielectric layer is made from mixture of a first filler and at least one glass powder selected from among a second glass powder and a third glass powder, the second glass powder including PbO of 30 to 80 wt%, ZnO of 0 to 20 wt%, SiO₂ of 0 to 20 wt%, B₂O₃ of 5 to 40 wt%, Al₂O₃ of 0 to 12 wt%, Na₂O+K₂O+Li₂O of 0 to 5 wt%, and BaO+CaO+MgO+SrO of 0 to 5 wt%, the third glass powder including Bi₂O₃ of 36 to 84 wt%, B₂O₃ of 5 to 28 wt%, PbO of 0 to 46 wt%, ZnO of 0 to 30 wt%, Al₂O₃ of 0 to 13 wt%, SiO₂ of 0 to 10 wt%, Na₂O+K₂O+Li₂O of 0 to 5 wt%, and BaO+CaO+MgO+SrO of 0 to 3 wt%, each of the second and third glass powders having an average particle diameter of 0.5 to 10 μ m, a softening temperature of 390 to 550 °C, a thermal expansive coefficient of 63×10^{-7} to $83 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$, a dielectric constant of 11 to 26, and an etching rate of 0.1 to 1.0 μ m/min, the first filler having an average particle diameter of 0.5 to 10 μ m and including at least one compound selected from the group consisting of TiO₂, ZrO₂, ZnO, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, and MgO, which have white colors, or including BN, a ratio of volume of the first filler with respect to volume of the glass powder in the dielectric layer being 0.05 to 0.30, thereby the dielectric layer having a dielectric constant of 11 to 26, a reflectance of 50 to 80%, an etching rate of 0.1 to 1.0 μ m/min, and a porosity of 5, when the dielectric layer has been baked for 10 to 60 minutes at 450 to 600 °C; the barrier ribs are made from mixture which includes at least

one glass powder selected from the group consisting of a fourth, fifth, and sixth glass powders and at least one filler selected from the group consisting of a second filler and a third filler, the fourth glass powder including ZnO of 0 to 48 wt%, SiO₂ of 0 to 21 wt%, B₂O₃ of 25 to 56 wt%, Al₂O₃ of 0 to 12 wt%, Na₂O+K₂O+Li₂O of 0 to 38 wt%, and BaO+CaO+MgO+SrO of 0 to 15 wt%, the fifth glass powder including PbO of 25 to 65 wt%, ZnO of 0 to 35 wt%, SiO₂ of 0 to 26 wt%, B₂O₃ of 5 to 30 wt%, Al₂O₃+SnO₂ of 0 to 13 wt%, Na₂O+K₂O+Li₂O of 0 to 19 wt%, BaO of 0 to 26 wt%, and CaO+MgO+SrO of 0 to 13 wt%, the sixth glass powder including PbO of 35 to 55 wt%, B₂O₃ of 18 to 25 wt%, ZnO of 0 to 35 wt%, BaO of 0 to 16 wt%, SiO₂+Al₂O₃+SnO₂ of 0 to 9 wt%, CoO+CuO+MnO₂+Fe₂O₃ of 0 to 15 wt%, Na₂O+K₂O+Li₂O of 0 to 19 wt%, and CaO+MgO+SrO of 0 to 13 wt%, each of the fourth, fifth, and sixth glass powders having an average particle diameter of 0.5 to 10μm, a softening temperature of 390 to 630 °C, a thermal expansive coefficient of 63×10^{-7} to $83 \times 10^{-7}/^{\circ}\text{C}$, a dielectric constant of 5 to 20, and an etching rate of 2.0 to 50.0μm/min, the second filler including at least two oxides selected from the group consisting of NiO, Fe₂O₃, CrO, MnO₂, CuO, Al₂O₃, and SiO₂, which have dark colors, the third filler including at least one compound selected from the group consisting of TiO₂, ZrO₂, ZnO, Al₂O₃, SiO₂, and MgO, which have white colors, or including BN, each of the second and third fillers having an average particle diameter of 0.1 to 10μm, a ratio of the volume of the filler with respect to the volume of the glass powder for the barrier ribs being 0.05 to 0.67, thereby the barrier ribs having a dielectric constant of 5 to 16 and an etching rate of 2 to 50μm/min and enabling the glass substrate having the barrier ribs to have a bending of at most 0.3 mm, when the

barrier ribs have been baked for 10 to 60 minutes at 450 to 600 °C, the barrier ribs having a height difference of at most 1% when the barrier ribs has been baked at 510°C for one hour after being etched by acid-based etching solution, the barrier ribs having a destruction ratio of 50% when an iron rod, which weighs 500g and has an end portion shaped like a sphere having a radius of 3 mm, is dropped one hundred times vertically onto uppermost surfaces of the barrier ribs from 5 mm above the uppermost surfaces, each of the barrier ribs having at least one layer; and the red phosphorous layer includes at least two kinds of oxides selected from the group consisting of oxides Y, Gd, B, and Eu, the green phosphorous layer includes at least one kind of oxide selected from the group consisting of oxides Zn, Si, Mn, Y, B, Tb, Ba, and Al, and the blue phosphorous layer comprises at least two kinds of oxides selected from the group consisting of oxides Ba, Mg, Al, Sr, Mn, and Eu, so that, in the phosphorous layers, color temperatures are maintained between 8,000K and 13,000K.

9. The closest prior art (Sakamoto) teaches barrier ribs comprised of several glasses and an inorganic filler but fails to exemplify a rear plate of a plasma display panel comprising each of the limitations recited above.
10. The subject rear plate described earlier is provided for improving voltage margin, power consumption, and electric efficiency in a PDP so that reliability is improved. The design is new and unique to the art.
11. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Quarterman whose telephone number is (571)272-2461. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH (7-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Minh-Toan Ton can be reached on (571) 272-2303. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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